

PUBLIC NOTICE



Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility II

Receipt of Preliminary Request for Amendment 1

Summary:

Date Notice Issued: September 18, 2020

Request: Wheatridge Wind II, LLC (certificate holder) seeks Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) approval of an amendment to the Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility II (WREFII) site certificate. Preliminary Request for Amendment 1 (pRFA1) seeks Council approval to split 550 megawatts (MW) of previously approved wind and solar facility components and site boundary into three facilities, under individual site certificates, resulting in an amended and two new site certificates. The three facilities would include WREFII (200 MW wind facility within 7,850 acre site boundary in Morrow County - under existing certificate holder ownership); Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility III (WREFIII) (150 MW solar facility within 2,296 acre site boundary in Morrow County - under new certificate holder ownership, Wheatridge Solar Energy Center, LLC); and, Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility East (WREFE) (200 MW wind facility within 2,956 acre site boundary in Umatilla County - under new certificate holder ownership, Wheatridge Wind East, LLC). The new certificate holders for WREFIII and WREFE are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the existing certificate holder owner, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC. The three facilities would share related or supporting facility components and would have overlapping site boundaries. The certificate holder requests Type B Review of pRFA1.

Facility Location: Morrow and Umatilla counties

Information Only: Please note, this notice is to provide early notification of this request for amendment. There is no comment period associated with this phase of the review.

Review Process: Based on review of the certificate holder's Type B Review Amendment Determination Request (Type B Review ADR), the Oregon Department of Energy (Department or ODOE) determined Type B Review justified. Pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 345 Division 27, Type B review does not include an opportunity to request a contested case.

Introduction: On September 3, 2020, the Department, staff to Council, received pRFA1 for the Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility II site certificate. In pRFA1, the certificate holder includes a request that the amendment be processed under Type B review per OAR 345-027-0357(8).

Description of Facility

(Under Construction/Approved): The Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility II is approved to include up to 550 MW of wind and solar energy facility components within a 12,432 acre site boundary expanding across Morrow and Umatilla counties. The facility is approved to be developed in phases. The first phase, currently under construction, includes 200 MW of wind energy facility components (80 wind turbines and related or supporting facilities) in Morrow County, with commercial operation anticipated in October 2020. Approved facility components not yet constructed include 200 MW of wind energy facility components (up to 117 wind turbines) and 150 MW of solar facility components (use or occupy up to 900 acres), or any combination of wind and solar facility components not exceeding 350 MW. Wind facility components must be constructed by May 2023; solar facility components must be constructed by November 2025.

Facility Location: Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility II as approved, would be located in both Morrow and Umatilla counties, south of Interstate 84 and northeast of Lexington. A map of the facility site boundary is included in this notice. For detailed maps, please see Figures 1 through 4 in pRFA1 on the <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/WREF-II.aspx>, or visit our online mapping tool at <https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap>.

Current and Next Review Phase: The current preliminary request for amendment phase consists of staff reviewing the request to ensure there is information adequate for Council to make findings or impose conditions on all applicable Council standards. Once the amendment request is determined complete by staff, staff will issue a Public Notice and Draft Proposed Order (initial staff

recommendation), notifying members of the public of a comment period.

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1. You own property within or adjacent to (within 500 feet) the property on which the project is located. You will automatically receive all future notices on this facility.
2. You have requested to receive paper notices on the Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility or Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility II. If you wish to be removed from this mailing lists, please contact Sarah Esterson.
3. You have previously signed up via GovDelivery/ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE to receive notices related to the Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility or Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility II or all EFSC project-related notices. You will automatically receive all future notices per your request, unless you unsubscribe via ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE.

More Information: Please contact Sarah Esterson, Senior Siting Analyst, at the phone, email address or mailing address listed in this notice.

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More information about the facility and updates on the review process is available using any of the following options.

1) Oregon Department of Energy’s webpage:

More details on Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility II, including the certificate holder’s Type B Review ADR, Department Type B Review ADR Determination and pRFA1, are available online at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/WREF-II.aspx>.

Additional resources to help you participate in the state siting process can be found at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/pages/default.aspx>

2) Updates by email/mail:

Subscribe to ClickDimensions, a self-managed, automated email system that sends notices and updates related to Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility II as well as any or all other energy facilities and events under EFSC jurisdiction. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ODOE-EFSC>.

To receive notices by U.S. Mail, please contact Sarah Esterson.

3) In hardcopy: Hard copies of the Type B Review ADR, Department Determination and pRFA1 are available for public inspection at:

Oregon Department of Energy
550 Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Please contact Sarah Esterson if you wish to arrange a time to review a hard copy of pRFA1. Hard copies will be provided at reasonable cost upon request to the Department.

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Figure 1: Proposed WREFII Site Boundary



